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<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/046,093	CHAMBERS, BILL	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
	Anh V La	2636	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on Nov. 30, 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 4-8 and 10-17.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 16 January 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)            |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment                    |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material          | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance   |
|   | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.   |

I. Statement of Reasons for Allowance:

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claim 4, the prior art cited herein fails to disclose a tamper indicating kit for use with a smoke detector having a base plate for mounting to a wall or ceiling surface and the smoke detector also including an openable cover connected to the base plate, the tamper indicating kit including a thin planar adapter flange including a horizontal top section adapted to be sandwiched between the base plate and the mounting surface, a side section extending vertically downwardly from a distal end of the top section, a horizontal relief section extending horizontally inwardly from a distal end of the side section, and a vertical section extending vertically downwardly from a distal end of the horizontal relief section, the vertical section adapted to extend parallel and adjacent to a portion of a cover outer wall, a means for securing at least a portion of the side section to the cover such that opening the cover produces an irreversible indication of opening or tampering.

Regarding claim 5, the prior art cited herein fails to disclose a tamper indicating kit for use with a smoke detector having a base plate for mounting to a wall or ceiling surface and the smoke detector also including an openable cover connected to the base plate, the tamper indicating kit including a thin planar adapter flange including a horizontal top section adapted to be sandwiched between the base plate and the mounting surface, a side section extending vertically downwardly from a distal end of the top section, a horizontal relief section extending horizontally inwardly from a distal end of the side section, and a flexible leg extending angularly downwardly from a distal

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end of the horizontal relief section, the flexible leg adapted to flex from an unmounted position to a mounted position adjacent to a cover outer wall, and a means for securing at least a portion of the side section to the cover such that opening the cover produces an irreversible indication of opening or tampering.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

**II. Examiner's Amendment:**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CAR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

**Examiner's Amendment****In the claims:**

In claim 4, line 5, the phrase "a thing planar adapter flange" has been changed to - - a thin planar adapter flange --.

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**In the abstract:**

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In the abstract, line 2, the phrase "said smoke" has been changed to - -the smoke--.

In the abstract, line 3, the phrase "said base" has been changed to - -the base--.

In the abstract, line 4, the phrase "a thing planar" has been changed to - -a thin planar--.

In the abstract, line 6, the phrase "said top" has been changed to - -the top--.

In the abstract, line 7, the phrase "said side" has been changed to - -the side--.

In the abstract, line 8, the phrase "said horizontal" has been changed to - -the horizontal--.

In the abstract, line 9, the phrase "said flexible" has been changed to - -the flexible--.

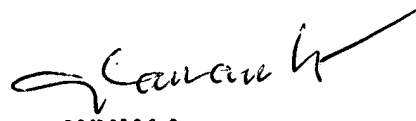
In the abstract, line 12, the phrase "said side" has been changed to - -the side--.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anh V La whose telephone number is (571) 272-2970. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri from 9:30am to 6:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffery Hofsass can be reached on (571) 272-2981. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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